

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Badger et al.

Group Art Unit: 2624

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Title: **MASK INSPECTION PROCESS ACCOUNTING FOR MASK WRITER
PROXIMITY CORRECTION**

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Applicant requests the attached amendment be entered prior to Examination of the
Application on the merits.